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News Release

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Ragged Ruby Public Open House Scheduled

JOHN DAY, ORE. – The Blue Mountain Ranger District of the Malheur National Forest is inviting you to actively participate in the planning of the Ragged Ruby Project. This planning area is located along County Road 20 within the Balance Creek and Granite Boulder Creek sub-watersheds, and includes part of the Vinegar Hill-Indian Rock Scenic Area to the north and Dixie Butte to the south. The Ragged Ruby interdisciplinary team is asking for your input as stakeholders to help us understand the landscape from your perspective and together develop mutually beneficial outcomes.

Stakeholders of the Ragged Ruby planning area are invited to bring information to present and share with the Ragged Ruby interdisciplinary team on what is important to you in the Ragged Ruby planning area.

The goal of this meeting is to share what is known about the existing condition of the planning area and solicit input and feedback. Additionally, we hope to identify challenges and enhancements to key benefits and capture concepts for landscape restoration options and clarify important values.

A meeting to share information about the planning area will be held on May 24, 2016, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at the Grant County Regional Airport in John Day, Oregon. The Blue Mountain Ranger District hopes you are interested in being a part of this exciting approach to land management and we look forward to your involvement and contribution.

If you have any questions, please contact Sasha Fertig (NEPA Planner) at sashafertig@fs.fed.us or 541-575-3061.

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